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Applicants: A.J.M. Garwood Attorney Docket No. CRS/115949

Serial No.: 09/724,287

Filed: November 28, 2000

Title: PRODUCTS, METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH MEAT  
PROCESSING AND PACKAGING

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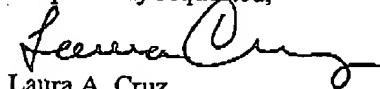
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MESSAGE: Dear OIPE/Customer Service:

We received the attached Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt (see Attachment A) and believe our Request for Filing Receipt Correction mailed 10/07/03 is correct (see Attachment B). We do not believe our request claims priority based on an application filed after the application making the claim, as indicated in Attachment A. We request that you please review the attached documents and reconsider your response.

If you continue to believe that the claim of priority is incorrect, please contact applicants' attorney to discuss.

Respectfully requested,

  
Laura A. Cruz

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## RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Domestic Continuity and Foreign Priority

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In response to your request for a corrected Filing Receipt, the Office is unable to comply with your request because:

- The priority or continuity claim has not been entered because it was not filed during the required time period. Applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority. See 37 CFR 1.55 or 1.78.
- Continuity claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 cannot be added to the Filing Receipt without the applicant supplying the relationship (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) in an Application Data Sheet or amendment to the first page of the specification.
- A claim for priority cannot be made based on an application filed after the application making the claim.
- Domestic benefit and foreign priority claims will not be captured in a provisional application. A provisional application is not entitled to a right of priority or to the benefit of an earlier filing date of any other application. See 35 U.S.C. § 111(b)(7) and 37 CFR 1.53(c)(4).
- A domestic continuity claim cannot be made to a foreign application and the filing receipt will only list the foreign country, application number, and filing date.
- Foreign priority will appear on the Filing Receipt in the following order: Country, Application number, Filing date.
- This application is the result of a conversion from a provisional application. Priority based on such application cannot be made since it no longer exists as a provisional application.
- The application(s) to which priority is claimed were filed over a year prior to the filing date of this

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application. Therefore, the referenced application(s) cannot be claimed as domestic or foreign priority.

- To change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, applicant must amend the first sentence of the specification (if the benefit claim is referenced in the specification), or provide a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the benefit claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired benefit claim. Note that once a benefit claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such prior-filed application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.
- To change a foreign priority claim, applicant must submit a supplemental oath or declaration (if the priority claim is referenced in the oath or declaration), or a supplemental application data sheet (ADS) (if the priority claim was submitted in an ADS), with the desired priority claim. If a supplemental ADS is submitted, any deletions should be shown with strikeouts. Note that once a priority claim is deleted, applicant will not be able to claim such foreign application again, if the above-identified application was filed on or after November 29, 2000.

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## ATTACHMENT B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A.J.M. Garwood Attorney Docket No. GARW115949 (old)  
CRSL115949 (new)

Application No.: 09/724,287 Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: November 28, 2000 Examiner: D.E. Becker

Title: PRODUCTS, METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR FRESH MEAT  
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REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT CORRECTION

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:  
ATTN: OFFICE OF INITIAL PATENT EXAMINATION  
FILING RECEIPT CORRECTIONS

In reviewing the official Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application, applicant's attorney noted that the Domestic Priority Data is incorrect as well as the listing of a U.S. PCT application under Foreign Applications. Applicant's attorney, therefore, respectfully requests that the Filing Receipt be revised to read as follows:

**Domestic Priority Data as claimed by applicant:**

This application is a CIP of PCT/US00/29038 10/19/2000  
which is a CIP of 09/550,399 04/14/2000 ABN  
which is a CIP of 09/392,074 09/08/1999 ABN  
which is a CON of 09/039,150 03/13/1998 ABN  
which claims benefit of 60/040,556 03/13/1997  
Application 09/550,399  
claims benefit of 60/129,595 04/15/1999  
and claims benefit of 60/141,569 06/29/1999  
and claims benefit of 60/144,400 07/16/1999  
and claims benefit of 60/148,227 07/27/1999  
and claims benefit of 60/149,938 08/19/1999

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**Foreign applications**

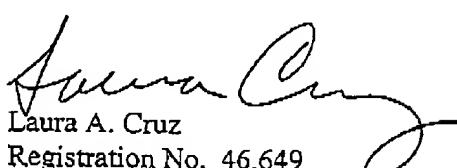
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Please note that the Attorney Docket No. has been changed to CRSL115949.

Enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt with the changes marked in red.

Respectfully submitted,

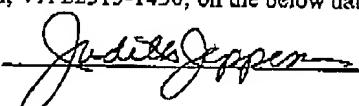
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## UPDATED FILING RECEIPT



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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